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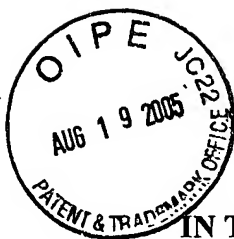
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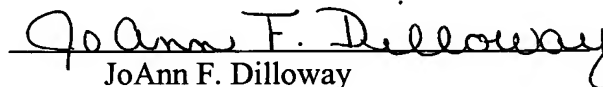
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE
TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Communication of August 10, 2005 that has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 10, 2005.

Entry of the amendments presented herein and re-examination of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.